I am pleased to inform that the Government of India (GoI) has approved the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package. It may be noted that this package is fully (100%) Centrally funded.

2. The project will be implemented in three phases during the period January 2020 to March 2024 (Phase - 1 from January 2020 to June 2020, Phase - 2 from July 2020 to March 2021, Phase - 3 from April 2021 to March 2024) with the objectives of emergency COVID-19 Response, Strengthening National and State Health Systems to support Prevention and Preparedness, procurement of essential medical equipment, consumables and drugs, strengthening of surveillance activities including setting up of laboratories and Bio-security preparedness.

3. The MoHFW is releasing funds (as indicated in annexure) under the immediate response of this Package for your States/UT under National Health Mission for implementation of phase 1 up to June 2020. The key activities to be implemented under the Phase -1 are as below:

- Support to States/UTs for development of dedicated COVID hospitals and other hospitals, isolation blocks, negative pressure isolation rooms, ICUs with ventilators, oxygen supply in hospitals, strengthening of laboratories in hospitals, hiring of additional human resources and incentives to human resource and community health volunteers;
- Procurement of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), N95 masks and ventilators, over and above what is being procured and supplied by the Govt. of India;
- Strengthening of identified laboratories and expansion of diagnostics capacities, including procurement of diagnostic equipment, testing kits and other reagents and mobility support for sample transport, over and above what is being procured by the Govt. of India;
- Outreach, survey and community surveillance activities including mobility support for the same and training and orientation of health workers and volunteers, Information Education & Communication and awareness creation activities.

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Disinfection of hospitals, government offices, public utilities and ambulances etc.

4. The detailed instructions and guidance in this regard is being issued separately.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,

(Vandana Surnani)

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